
Transportation and Communications Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
October 4, 2007

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Ayala, Luis	SGVCOG
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	Brea
Becerra, Glen	Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	Tustin
Brown, Art	Buena Park
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG
Dale, Lawrence	Barstow
Daniels, Gene	Paramount
Dixon, Richard	Lake Forest
Edgar, Troy	Los Alamitos
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Gross, Carol	Culver City
Leon, Paul	SANBAG
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach
Martinez, Sharon	SGVCOG
McLean, Marsha	North L.A. County
Messina, Barbara	Alhambra
Millhouse, Keith	Moorpark
Mills, Leroy	Cypress
Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino County
Pettis, Gregory	Cathedral City
Roberts, Ron	Temecula
Ten, Mike – Vice Chair	South Pasadena
Wapner, Alan - Chair	Ontario

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG
Buckley, Thomas	Lake Elsinore
Dunlap, Judy	Inglewood
Flickinger, Bonnie	Moreno Valley
Gabelich, Rae	Long Beach
Garcia, Lee Ann	Grand Terrace
Glaab, Paul	City of Laguna Niguel
Gurule, Frank	Cudahy
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim
Nuaimi, Mark	SANBAG
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica
Parks, Bernard	Los Angeles
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton
Rutherford, Mark	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG
Smith, Greig	Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG
Stone, Jeffrey	Riverside County
Sykes, Tom	Walnut
Waronek, Mark	SBCCOG

New Members Not Present

Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG
Jahn, Bill	SANBAG

Voting Members, Not Elected Official

Casey, Rose	Caltrans
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1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of August 30, 2007 Meeting

4.2 Receive and File

5.2.1 2007 End of Legislative Session Report

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. The motion was SECONDED (Hon. Keith Millhouse) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Guidelines

John Asuncion, SCAG, stated that the RTIP is a six-year funding program that implements the long-range Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) to accomplish improvements in mobility and air quality. The Guidelines are used as a tool by SCAG staff, the CTC's, and IVAG in updating the 2008 RTIP. At the August 30th meeting of the TCC the Committee approved the release of the 2008 RTIP Guidelines for public review. From the public review, there were some technical comments that were received on the Guidelines. For example, there was a comment that the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan should be referred to as 2008. SCAG also received a comment from Caltrans that the 2008 RTIP Development Schedule is to be changed. SCAG now has to transmit the 2008 RTIP in June of 2008 as opposed to August 2008. There was also some clarification made on the modeling criteria based on discussions with the CTC's and the funding agencies.

To be consistent with applicable laws, the Guidelines will be changed if programs are added and/or deleted to the plan. If any changes are policy related, staff will bring back the changes to the TCC for its review and comments.

Staff is asking that the TCC recommend to the Regional Council that they approve the 2008 RTIP Guidelines, authorize staff to make technical changes to the Guidelines, and the approval process for the RTIP Amendments.

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to APPROVE the 2008 RTIP Guidelines, authorize staff to make technical changes to the Guidelines, and the approval process for the RTIP Amendments. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair of the ATF, reported that the task force had not met since its last meeting. There will be a joint task force meeting of the Aviation and Maglev Task Forces on Thursday, October 11th, held at the SCAG office. A Maglev presentation will be made to the Aviation Task Force to demonstrate how the Aviation Plan is dependent upon the High Speed Rail Plan. There will be another workshop held on October 18th at which a presentation by a potential vendor of high speed rail technology will be given.

SCRAA met and agreed to do a workshop, tentatively set for November 25th, to get the stakeholders involved.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

Hon. Lou Bone reminded the Committee that there would be a Maglev Task Force field trip to General Atomics in San Diego on October 12th to visit the Maglev test track. If any of the TCC members are interested in making the trip, contact Richard Marcus at SCAG to sign-up.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

No items.

9.0 CHAIR REPORT

Chair Wapner informed the Committee that there was an RTP workshop held September 20th in Wilmington on Goods Movement. There was a lot learned and corrections were made based on the discussion. The discussion on goods movement was continued at the October 3rd workshop held at SCAG. A change that transpired was with regard to the direction that the Regional Council has set as far having the RC set policy direction and having staff support the RC, instead of vice-versa. At yesterday's meeting a new format was established for the RTP Workshops in which staff has developed a matrix of the options for the RTP.

Following today's meeting there will be a workshop on corridors, highways, and the RCP.

There will be another RTP workshop at SCAG on October 11th covering transportation finance. One thing that is different about this years' RTP, compared to previous RTPs, is that the federal government has stepped up enforcement of not allowing projects in the RTP that are not financially constrained. To address this, a representative from the FHWA will be at the October 11th workshop to explain what the Feds are looking for when they review the RTP. As the region goes through the RTP process there may be some projects that have been in the RTP for years that will not be able to be included in this year's RTP, because financial constraints are not met. There will be another presentation at the October 11th workshop by Dr. Genevieve Giuliano, USC, who will talk about the high cost of private transportation and some possible funding sources that she would recommend the RC look at in relation to raising revenue to support the transportation projects.

On October 18th there will be a workshop held at the Ontario Convention Center to discuss aviation and high-speed transport elements of the RTP, and transit and land use. On October 25th there will be a wrap-up workshop held at the Orange County Transportation Authority to discuss and review what went on at all SCAG's RTP workshops.

The main purpose of the workshops is to collect input from the stakeholders, members of public, and elected members of the Regional Council on the RTP before it is approved as a Draft by the TCC. The approval of the Draft RTP by the TCC is scheduled to take place on November 1st.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items.

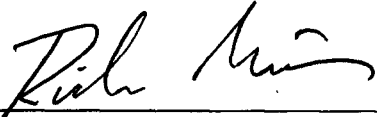
11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No items.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 1, 2007, at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.**



Rich Macias, Manager
Transportation Planning Division

Transportation and Communications Committee Attendance Report

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Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended				= No Meeting NM = New Member							
		IC	LA	OC	RC	SB	VC	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Adams, Steve	Riverside, WRCOG				X			X											
Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach		X					X		X	X				X		X		
Ayala, Luis	Alhambra		X								NM			X	X		X		
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel		X					X	X		X		X	X	X		X		
Beauman, John*	Brea			X				X	X	X	X		X		X		X		
Becerra, Glen*	Simi Valley		X								X				X		X		
Bias, Alex	CVAG				X												X		
Bone, Lou*	Tustin			X				X	X	X	X			X	X		X		
Brown, Art*	OCTA			X				X							X		X		
Buckley, Thomas*	Lake Elsinore				X														
Burke, Yvonne*	Los Angeles County		X					X	X		X		X	X	X		X		
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights		X								NM		X	X	X		X		
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG					X											NM		
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG				X				X	X							X		
Dale, Lawrence*	Barstow					X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		
Daniels, Gene*	Paramount		X					X		X	X			X	X		X		
Dixon, Richard*	Lake Forest			X				X			X			X	X		X		
Dunlap, Judy*	Inglewood		X						X		X				X				
Edgar, Troy*	Los Alamitos		X								NM		X				X		
Flickinger, Bonnie*	Moreno Valley				X			X	X	X	X		X		X				
Gabelich, Rae*	Long Beach		X					X	X		X								
García, Lee Ann*	Grand Terrace				X			X	X	X				X	X				
Glaab, Paul*	Laguna Niguel			X									X		X				
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG						X										NM		
Green, Cathy	OCCOG			X										NM	X		X		
Gross, Carol	Culver City		X								NM			X	X		X		
Gurule, Frank*	Cudahy		X								X			X	X				
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods			X							NM				X				
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim			X				X	X		X		X		X				
Jahn, Bill	SANBAG					X											NM		
Leon, Paul	SANBAG					X								NM	X		X		
Lowe, Robin*	Hemet/RCTC					X		X	X		X		X				X		
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach		X					X	X								X		
Martínez, Sharon	Monterey Park		X								NM			X	X		X		
Masiel, Andrew*	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians				X					X									

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McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X								NM						X		
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X						X	X	X		X	X	X		X		
Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X	X			X		X		X		X		
Mills, Leroy	Cypress			X							NM		X	X	X		X		
Nuaimi, Mark	SANBAG					X									NM				
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X							X					X				
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X			X		NM		X	X	X		X		
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X					X		X	X				X				
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X	X	X	X						X		
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton		X								NM		X	X					
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X			X	X		X			X	X		X		
Rutherford, Mark*	Westlake Village		X						X					X					
Smith, Greig*	Los Angeles		X					X	X	X					X				
Spence, David	La Canada Flintridge		X					X	X	X	X			X	X				
Stone, Jeffrey*	County of Riverside				X			X	X		X			X	X				
Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X	X	X	X			X					
Ten, Mike - Vice Chair	South Pasadena		X										NM	X	X		X		
Wapner, Alan* - Chair	Ontario					X			X	X	X		X	X	X		X		
Waroneck, Mark	Lomita		X								NM				X				
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